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TO: Acting Secretary Tarnoff
FROM: IO - Douglas J. Bennet
SUBJECT: Replacing the French Forces in Rwanda with UNAMIR

ISSUE(S) FOR DECISION

Whether to approve the attached cable demarching the UN and troop contributors to ensure the presence of non-African UNAMIR forces to help replace the French troops in the security zone.

ESSENTIAL FACTORS

Although we continue to urge the French to remain in the safety zone and the new Rwandan government to request a continuing French presence, the French appear committed to removing most, if not all, of their forces by August 22 and the Rwandans have rebuffed our arguments. Ghanaian and Ethiopian troops have moved to fill the gap, and the UN expects to be able to replace the French man-for-man. However, many of the Rwandan displaced persons still appear less trustful of the UNAMIR forces than of the French forces they are replacing. Particularly in light of the new government's recent announcement that it intends to assert its sovereignty in the safety zone once the French leave, we believe it important, therefore, that UNAMIR commit to as large and visibly effective presence in the zone as possible, in an effort to help reassure the Rwandans and prevent another mass exodus into Zaire.

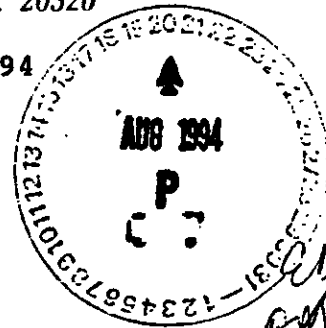
The attached cable would instruct USUN to urge that the UN deploy non-African forces as well to the safety zone, and for Embassies Canberra, London and Ottawa to urge their host governments to agree to UN requests to deploy at least some of their UNAMIR contingents to the safety zone.

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RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the cable at Tab A, which includes London as an action addressee (IO, AF, PM).

Approve

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Alternatively, that you approve the cable at Tab B, which includes London only as an info addressee (EUR).

Approve

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Attachment:

Tab A: Demarche Cable with London as Action Addressee
Tab B: Demarche Cable with London as Info Addressee

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